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Attention: Natalie A. Pass, Examiner
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Application No. 09/945,467

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Sir:

I wish to secure approval of my rejected patent application No. 09/945,467 entitled, One Page Purchasing System, filed September 4, 2001 and amended February 6, 2003. Claims 1-16 have been canceled and Claims 17-30 remain pending, with Application made Special due to health, as approved on April 20, 2002..This appeal is filed under CFR 1.113.

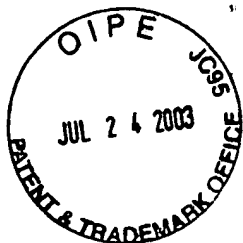
I approach the Commissioner with the humble awareness that I am an amateur in serving the intricacies of having a patent application approved. Never having filed before, being 87 years of age, not affording a patent attorney, experiencing a growing cancer tumor, offering a valuable new One Page Purchasing System badly needed by the bulk of industry and government, leaves me dependent on the Department to provide an extra hand to make all this work.

My 40 years as a management consultant, doing management audits has culminated in this unique system of consolidating 38 usual functions of purchasing, within the framework of an electronic one page document traveling among its several users. I have devoted several years to its development and now need the payback necessary for financial survival of my wife and myself, which my system should eventually provide.

Rejection found in the Detailed Action report dated May 1, 2003 is attributable to:

1. Introducing New Matter under 35 USC 132, requiring clarification.
 - a) Containing four items in Claim 17.
 - b) Containing two item in Claim 19.
 - c) Containing one items in Claim 29.
 - d) Claims 18-30 were rejected as new matter because they are dependent on Claim 17, rejected above.
2. Claims found to not having possession of claimed invention: under 35 U.S.C. 112:
 - a) Claim 17 by virtue of being a new matter.
 - b) Claims 18-30 rejected by depending on Claim 17. rejected above.
3. Claims found to be indefinite in covering subject matter, under 35 U.S.C 112
 - a) Containing three items in Claim 19
 - b). Containing one item in Claim 21
 - c) Containing two items in Claim 29

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4. Claims rejected for Obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a)

- a) All 14 claims (17-30) are rejected for obviousness, subject to rejection under other patent codes, cited here.

I have carefully studied the basis for rejection of the above Claims and find no justification for these rejections. Using the attached Index, the report will respond to each rejection under each of the above sections, with necessary answers why each claim should be accepted.

Also enclosed is a set of Amended Claims filed February 6, 2003, with five claims additionally amended as of July 20, 2003, to serve reasons for rejections found in the Detail Action Report and marked with changes.

I will gratefully look forward to your valuable assistance.

Respectfully yours,

Harold F. Hynes

Pat. Application 09/945,467 One Page Purchasing System Examiner: Natalie A. Pass

7/23/03 STATUS OF AMENDED CLAIMS 17-30 Filed 2/6/03

The following Claims 17-30 Were (Previously Presented and (Not Entered)

Response

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Rejection Reason</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Action</u>
17	Subject Matter – Replace “comprising” with “Consisting of”	44	Change
17(a)	No Change	See claims listed	
17(b)	No Change	See claims listed	
17(c)	New Matter, Needs clarification of implied “a template worksheet”	2	
17(d)	No. Change	See Claims listed	
17(e)	New Matter, Needs clarification of implied “exclusive rights in the form of”	3	
	New Matter, Needs clarification of implied “template forms”	4	
17(f)	New Matter, Needs clarification of implied “compatible with Retained legacy systems”	5	
18	No Change	See Claims Listed	
19	New Matter ,Needs clarification of implied “finder”	6)
	New Matter, Needs clarification of implied “template form)	7	
	Subject Matter, Needs clarification of implied “finder”	6) Change
	Subject Matter, Needs clarification of implied “the dots”	13)
	Subject Matter, Needs clarification of implied “which”	15)
18	No Change	See Claims Listed	
21	Subject Matter, Needs clarification of implied “the auditing function”	14	Change
22	No change	See Claims listed	
23	No Change	See Claims listed	
24	No Change	See Claims listed	
25	No Change	See Claims listed	
26	No Change	See Claims listed	

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27 No Change	See Claims listed
28 No Change	See Claims listed
29 New Matter, Needs clarification of implied Purchase Menu	8)
Subject Matter, Needs clarification of implied Purchase Menu	11)
Subject Matter, Needs clarification of implied "etc"	16) Changes
Subject Matter , Needs clarification of implied "major sources from)
purchasing department"	17)
 30 Canceled	 83 Canceled

Note: Above claims 18-30 were designated as rejected because of dependence on Claim 17, considered as new matter by the Examiner. (see response to Claim 17 with applicable sections as implied, from the application, and not new matter.)

Above claims 17-30 were designated as rejected because of obviousness. (see responses for being different and non obvious. Pages 18-145)

See attached amended claims filed 2/6/03 and individual changes for Claims 17, 19,21,29 and cancellation of claim 30